

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 371
By Finney

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Benton K. Thompson,
2005 Valedictorian of Alcoa High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Benton Thompson is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2005 graduating class at Alcoa High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Thompson has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Benton has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average and has garnered academic awards in language arts and math; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers, he was Captain of the varsity soccer and wrestling teams, is an Eagle Scout, was a National Merit finalist, and was voted "Best All Around" in his class; and

WHEREAS, possessing a deep concern for the well-being of his fellow man, Benton Thompson was an integral part of the Second Harvest Canned Food Drive; the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award was given to Benton in recognition of his work within the community; and

WHEREAS, Benton's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; he will be attending the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis in the fall; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Bryan and Kathleen Thompson, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Benton Thompson's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2005 Alcoa High School Valedictorian, Benton K. Thompson, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.